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PASSED BY U S (CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

From
Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416637
(Sender's name)
Co H 167th Inf., APO 31
(Sender's address)
% PM, San Francisco, Calif.

18 May44
(Date)

Dearest Mother & Daddy!

I came in from a long 2 day hike through the jungle today, and received 3 letters from you, and 3 from Lottie, dated the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of May. So the V-mail letters are getting here in 13 days, which is very good work, isn't it? Daddy, you might think that I am joking, but I walked through the jungle today, and sufferred more than I believe I have ever before in my life. We had no water. And it was so hot we could hardly make it, especially with millions of mosquitoes biting you all of the time. But I made it alright, and feel alright now. It was rough going.

I have seen no action as yet, and don't think I will for a long time. I have lost some weight, thank goodness, and my mustache is getting along fine, thank you. I look like a native.

Sure am glad Lister Hill won. I was worried for a while. Went in swimming a little while this afternoon to get cooled off after the jungle hike, and it sure did feel good. Then when I got to camp, I took a cool shower, and changed clothes, and felt like anew person. We get plenty of water, but not always when hiking through the jungle.

If you want to send me something, send me candy bars, not the pound boxes, because they won't keep, and send me some cans of fruit juices, plenty of it regularly, and some bottles of cherries. You know you can only send a 5 pound box at a time, but can send me a 5 pound box every week. Right? I sure can use it.

Please send me Aunt Stella's address. I only know the Stanleigh Hotel, Chicago. Is that enough? I will write her tonight.

I don't want you to sell the store. Keep it. Close earlier, and open later, don't work as hard, but don't sell the store. You spent years building it up, and now don't sell it. Understand. I am planning on going in it with you after the war. So don't sell it. Things will be hard after the war, and you will want the store then. Right? Sorry to hear of Arnold's baby's illness, & hope it is alright now. I received the $25.00 you sent me before I left the states, and have already sent you a $37.50 bond, and will send you another one this month. I will get the $75.00 I owe you paid back soon. Right? We have no use for money down here, as we can't buy anything. I still have the $37.50 bond coming to you, and have raised my allotment to $40.00 a month to the bank. How about changing it to a saving account, as I can't check on it anymore. Please let me know as soon as you change it to a savings account. Right? Send me some cans of nuts, good nuts, and I need them. Too bad about Rosa being sick, and your secretary quitting. I am not getting the paper. I don't need a fan. Where your teeth and getused to them. I can't tell you. You can wire me on at same address and send any magazines, except code address is AMCEX. No, don't Look. Write soon. Life magazine. Don't need a check

Love,

V-MAIL